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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of) Confirmation No.: 9828
Ricardo Alexander Gomez)
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR) Art Unit: 3739
PROTECTING THE DISTAL LENS OF)
ENDOSCOPES) Examiner: B. M. Flanagan
Serial No.: 10/826,869)
Filed on: April 16, 2004)
) (Docket No. 5285-0002)

Hartford, Connecticut, January 17, 2006

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
AND
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

SIR:

Applicant requests a one-month extension of time, to January 30, 2006, for filing a Response to the Office Action of September 30, 2005.

In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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